



EVEN SWAPS

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System update: After indexing all of Aesop's Fables, Shakespeare, Poor Richard's Almanac, and the Book of Proverbs, I think I've learned some things about equivalent values, and about bartering, too. But you can't judge a book by its cover, you know, so I'm putting this newfound knowledge to use. Practice makes perfect!

Here I have some people who want things. I'm pretty sure I can trade them something as good or better than what they're looking for, and there's no time like the present.

Once we've sorted out who gets what, I need your help answering one more question.

PEOPLE

Charles needs the sincerest form of flattery.

Dave needs a penny earned.

Delia needs a thousand words.

Dick needs something cheap.

Edgar needs a man's castle.

Emily needs money.

Hank needs something golden.

Hannah needs the devil you don't know.

Harold needs sauce for the gander.

Hester needs believing.

Ian needs a pound of the cure.

Ivy needs an another day.

Larry needs bliss.

Mark needs a wink.

Oliver needs a sword.

Oona needs to be next to godliness.

Oscar needs a crowd.

Robert needs company.

Ted needs the best medicine.

Thea needs to curse the darkness.

Timothy needs one head.

Tom needs good news.

Wendy needs power.

Wes needs two birds in the bush.

Yannis needs the spice of life.

ITEMS

H ank ____ Silence.

O liver ____ A pen.

W es ____ A bird in the hand.

D elia ____ A picture.

I an ____ An ounce of prevention.

D ave ____ A penny saved.

D ick ____ Talk.

O ona ____ Cleanliness.

R obert ____ Two.

O scar ____ Three.

T hea ____ To light a candle.

H annah ____ The devil you know.

Y annis ____ Variety.

M ark ____ A nod.

E dgar ____ A man's home.

L arry ____ Ignorance.

T ed ____ Laughter.

T om ____ No news.

H ester ____ Seeing.

E mily ____ Time.

W endy ____ Knowledge.

I vy ____ Tomorrow.

T imothy ____ Two heads.

C harles ____ Imitation.

H arold ____ Sauce for the goose.

ANSWER: WITH A BUCKET OF WATER!